

Waterfowl Survey for the week of

December 4, 2008

Survey Areas	Ducks				Geese		
	Total	Mallards	Other Dabblers	Divers	Total	Dark	Light
Spirit Lake Areas	2800	92%	4%	4%	20100	100%	0%
Ruthven Areas	1300	100%	0%	0%	6600	100%	0%
Ingham Areas	100	100%	0%	0%	3300	100%	0%
Black Hawk Lake	800	100%	0%	0%	2000	100%	0%
Bays Branch Areas	1100	100%	0%	0%	26000	100%	0%
Rice Lake Areas	500	100%	0%	0%	7500	100%	0%
Big Marsh	100	100%	0%	0%	100	100%	0%
Sweet Marsh	100	100%	0%	0%	0		
Green Island	300	93%	7%	0%	5000	100%	0%
Princeton	100	0%	100%	0%	0		
Lake Odessa Areas	17400	98%	2%	0%	2300	100%	0%
Coralville Areas	200	100%	0%	0%	0		
Otter Creek	100	100%	0%	0%	100	100%	0%
Saylorville Areas	1200	96%	0%	4%	300	100%	0%
Red Rock	7000	100%	0%	0%	800	100%	0%
Rathbun Areas	14600	87%	0%	13%	9500	100%	0%
Lake Icaria	5100	99%	1%	0%	8000	100%	0%
Union County Areas	6500	100%	0%	0%	15000	100%	0%
Lake Sugema	100	50%	17%	33%	700	100%	0%
Missouri River Oxbows	8900	99%	0%	1%	13100	100%	0%
Riverton/Forney	27200	92%	8%	0%	100	100%	0%
Total	94600	95%	3%	2%	120100	100%	0%

Weather and migrations during the survey period:

The week started off when snow, along with some rain, fell statewide on Saturday. The greatest snow fell from Des Moines northeastward to Charles City where 4 to 5 inch amounts were common. Only a few flurries occurred in far northwest Iowa. Scattered flurries continued through the rest of the week. The mild temperatures of the previous week lasted through Saturday and into Sunday before the mercury dropped giving nighttime lows in the teens and single digits with the daytime temps not breaking the freezing mark across much of Iowa.